need for restricting new tea/fruit stalls, etc. at these stations and to make suitable suggestions. The Sub-Committee has invited Passenger Associations on various Railways, individual passengers, commuters and users of Railway travel facilities at suburban stations of the metropolitan cities to forward their suggestions/views for reducing the congestion and to allow free movement of passengers on the platforms at these stations.

(d) and (e) The existing instructions stipulate availablility of Sleeper Coach TTEs at coaches to be manned by them half an hour before the scheduled departure of the trains at train starting stations. In case he joins the train enroute he is requested to report 15 minutes before the scheduled arrival of the train to guide the passengers to their respective berths and coaches. There is no proposal to increase the time limit for reporting of the TTEs as the existing arrangement is considered adequate.

Loss incurred by IOC due to poor port facility

1156. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the press news-item captioned "poor port facilities cost IOC $ 10 million a month" as reported in the 'Economic Times' dated the 6th July, 1995;

(b) if so, whether due to poor port facilities IOC has been losing millions of rupees per month;

(c) whether his Ministry in consultation with Ministry of Surface Transport have chalked out plans to improve port facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

New Scheme of 'your home, your telephone, your wiring' in Madras

1157. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new scheme of your home, your telephone, your wiring was introduced in Madras;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of this scheme;

(c) whether private wiring contractors are being licensed to do internal wiring; and

(d) on what considerations the telephone subscribers are not allowed to choose their own wiring contractors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The policy on customer premises equipment for new telephone connection is to be implemented w.e.f. 1.9.95 in four metro districts of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras.

(b) the salient features of the scheme are given below:

(1) Subscriber shall be responsible for providing his telephone instrument, internal wiring, its installation and its maintenance;

(2) Department will provide a Line Jack Unit (LJU) inside the subscriber's premises on which external line provided by the department and internal wiring of the subscriber shall be terminated.

(3) Department shall maintain external line up to the LIU, beyond which responsibility of maintenance will be of subscriber.

(4) A rebate of Rs. 500/- will be provided from the installation charges of the subscribers.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Telephone subscribers are free to choose any contractor from among the authorised contractors of the department.

Replacement of submarine pipelines between Jawahar Island and mainland at Bombay

1158. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Petroleum has asked the Ministry of Surface Transport for urgent replacement of all submarine pipelines between Jawaharlal Island and the mainland at Bombay port that had been installed during 1953-54;

(b) whether Gvernment have not taken any action in spite of lapse of several years;

(c) whether the other infrastructure facilities are also inadequate at several ports; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to provide adequate infrastructure at ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has already sanctioned in March, 1995 a proposal for replacement of the existing very old band of seven submarine pipelines connecting the Marine Oil terminal at Jawahar Dweep and the Pir Pau manifold at the Bombay Port at an estimated cost of Rs. 165.15 crores. The project is to be implemented by the Bombay Port Trust.

(c) and (d) There are constraints in infrastructural facilities at major ports. Taking into account these constraints and the future traffic demands, an outlay of Rs. 2984 crores has been provided in the 8th Five Year Plan for modernisation and expansion of major ports.

रोला नामक स्थान में दि ग्रेट हिमालयन पार्क की स्थापना से प्रभावित लोगों को मुआवजा प्रदान करना

1159. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने हिमाचल प्रदेश में कुल्लू जिले के रोला नामक स्थान में दि ग्रेट हिमालयन पार्क की स्थापना हेतु भूमि के अधिग्रहण, विस्थापितों के पुनर्वास और उन्हें रोजगार प्रदान करने से संबंधित सभी समस्याओं के समाधान हेतु कार्यवाही पूर्ण कर ली है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उपर्युक्त सभी समस्याओं के समाधान हेतु क्रमशः क्या प्रगति हुई है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस कार्य के कब तक पूर्ण होने की संभावना है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ): (क) और (ख) जी नहीं। हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार के मुख्य वन्यजीव वार्डन ने रिपोर्ट दी है कि भूमि की अधिग्रहण, ग्रामीणों के पुनर्वास और उन्हें रोजगार दिलाने के लिए आवश्यक कदम उठाए गए हैं किन्तु कार्यवाही अभी नहीं हुई है। जिन 93 परिवारों का पुनर्वास किए जाने की संभावना है उनके लिए कलैक्टर (वन) ने 917 बीघों के एक क्षेत्र की शिनाख्त की है।

(ग) इस कार्य को पूरा करने के लिए हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार ने कोई समय सीमा नहीं बताई है।

Vacant posts of General Managers

1160. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the posting of the General Managers of the Railways are being delayed;

(b) whether it is a fact that few posts are still vacant; and